

**KENTUCKY COMMISSION
ON
SERVICES AND SUPPORTS
FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION
AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
March 10, 2010
Fair Oaks, 4th Floor
Frankfort, Kentucky**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Deputy Secretary Eric Friedlander for Secretary Janie Miller

Commissioner Stephen Hall

Commissioner Elizabeth Johnson

Harold Kleinert

Cherri Walker Lolley

Anne Montgomery

Shannon Caldwell

Steve Shannon

Stephen Hendricks

Steve Zaricki for Clyde Lang

Carol Estes for Beth Smith

Pat Seybold

Malkanthie McCormick

Cathy Edwards

Gwynn Royster

William Shaw

Patty Dempsey

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Tom Buford

Representative Jimmie Lee

Representative Carl Rollins

Glenna Taylor

Linda Sandidge

Senator Julie Denton

OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Stephen Hall. Commission members introduced themselves.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes with an amendment reflecting Eric Friedlander as Deputy Secretary. The motion passed.

2010 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Randy Oliver gave an update on 2010 Legislation related to intellectual disabilities. He gave a brief description and provided the status of each bill as of 03-09-2010. Mr. Oliver highlighted House Bills (HB) 48, 18, 159, 193, 231, 344

520, 558 and Senate Bills (SB) 13 and 73. Identical bills in the House and the Senate regarding personal care homes was also discussed.

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Damian Barthle gave this report. Stephen Hendricks motioned to approve the recommendations with an additional bullet adding streamline and reduction of administrative burden to waiver services/waiver re-write. In addition, the recommendations will be taken to each of the three subcommittee memberships for further refinement. The motion was seconded and passed.

The following are the Subcommittees' four priorities in no particular order:

Priority - Workforce Development (Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) training, competency and compensation)

- An emphasis on DSP certification using all existing resources including Support Providing Employees Association of Kentucky (SPEAK)
- Implement College of Direct Support
- Expansion of SPEAK for DSP recruiting and mentoring. SPEAK will review College of Direct Support Portfolios

Priority - Waiver Services/Waiver Re-Write

- Create a seamless system of supports providing behavior support personnel and services allowing people to be supported in their own homes.
- Develop provider reimbursements based on the cost of quality services
- Introduce a universal assessment tool, Support Intensity Scale (SIS) for people with I/DD so that money can be distributed in a fair and equitable fashion to support people's needs.
- Evaluate making transportation part of an individual's budget
- Evaluate Quality Improvement Organization (QIO), to assist in quality improvement within system of care
- Evaluate support brokering with case management
- Engage Departments of Education and Transportation to develop partnerships for system improvement and to bring in more federal match programs
- Streamline and reduce administrative burden

Priority - Improve Community Awareness

- Promote an increase in allocated dollars to human services programs to yield economic development on a local level.

- Community education and outreach must be a combined effort to create an awareness of need and available services
- Engagement of legislators by Subcommittee Co-Chairs and Commission members
- Promote integration of citizens with disabilities to increase natural supports in the community

Priority - Commissioner's Initiatives

- Commissioner Hall will receive ongoing recommendations from the Commission.
- The Commission shall partner with the Department when necessary to focus on specific issues
- The Commission will hold the Subcommittees and the Department accountable for development of legislation and policies to improve services for individuals

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A question was posed regarding the additional Supports for community Living (SCL) slots. The Department for Medicaid Services requested the additional 200 slots per year in their additional budget requests for FY 11-12.

A request was made for an update on the Michelle P waiver implementation. Commissioner Johnson reported 2,596 individuals have been assessed and are ready to begin services. Of this total, 1,826 have received prior authorizations of their plans. Public comment provided indicated there may be a disconnect from the receipt of the prior authorization and the individual actually receiving services. Additionally, public comment indicated there is also a gap between being assessed and receipt of the prior authorization. Medicaid staff will look into these concerns and include this information in future reports.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting date is June 9, 2010

The meeting was adjourned.